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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATES IN 2005 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

**TEMPLE, TEXAS, September 27, 2005**—USDA Rural Development will host an informational booth at the 2005 State Fair of Texas September 30<sup>th</sup> - October 23<sup>rd</sup> at historic Fair Park in Dallas. Information will be available regarding the housing, community and business programs offered by the agency from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The booth will be located in the Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Fiber Pavilion, centrally located within easy walking distance of the Midway, Auto Show, Chevy Stage and the Cotton Bowl. The pavilion spotlights the best that Texas agriculture has to offer, from engaging exhibits and interactive events to premier shopping featuring Texas food, fashion and fun.

Housing Programs offered by USDA Rural Development include the Guaranteed Housing Loan Program, Direct Housing Loan Program, and the Home Repair and Rehabilitation Grant Program. Assistance is available to low and moderate income families that live in rural areas.

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs are designed to enhance the growth and economic opportunities of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems.

Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in the economic stability of rural Texas. With USDA Rural Development's Business and Cooperative Programs, rural businesses can secure funds to increase the economic opportunities in rural areas throughout Texas.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information, visit our booth at the State Fair of Texas, call the State Office at 254-742-9700, Ext. 4, or visit us on the web at <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/</a>.

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